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report which gives information on the following :

- (1) A Soviet AA site on the Wustrow Peninsula, including personnel strength, buildings, radar, exercises, and military weapons and equipment;
- (2) Unidentified East German Army sites at Map References PE 714994, PF 725006, PF 732017, PF 738024, PF 744016 and PE 724993;

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EAST GERMANY/U.S.S.R.AIR/MILITARYG.S.F.G. and E.G.A. Activity in the RERIK Area

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1. Soviet A.A. Site on WUSTROW Peninsular (PE 6798)(a) Topography and Security

A large Soviet AA Site is situated on the WUSTROW Peninsular. The only entrance to this site is through a large gate at about MR PE 705986. This gate is in the middle of a barbed-wire fence which effectively prevents all access to the peninsular. Between [] the gate was guarded by Russian sentries, but there was also a guard-house nearby which was manned by E.G.A. troops.

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(b) Personnel

There were at least 1500 men on this site on []. They wore dark-red shoulder-boards with Artillery and Transport insignia variously. The Garrison Commander lives in RERIK, Kastanienallee 3. His house has a notice outside it with "M 102" on it, and "Soviet Forces' Commandant" in Russian and German.

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(c) Installations

About 15 one-storied stone buildings are at approx. MR PE 695978. [] there were also an unspecified number of tents fairly near these buildings, in a wooded area. At approx. MR PE 692977 was a vehicle park which contained about 250 trucks.

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- (d) [] in an area round approx. MR PE 689976 stood at least 60 AA guns in several rows with their barrels pointing at an angle of about 50° with the ground. These guns were mostly 100 mm in calibre, but some were possibly 57 mm. In a wooded area a little further west were more guns (unspecified number) and heavy vehicles (possibly tracked) with canopies.

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(e) Radar

[] at approx. MR PE 684978, were the following Radar antennae:

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- (i) About 15 metres above ground, including the height of a small building on which it was mounted, 8 - 10 metres broad antenna and about 3 metres high. Concave. Described as being like one of the arms of a TORKEN only with more rounded ends. Revolving continuously.
- (ii) About the same height from the ground as (i), also on a small building. Similar to (i) only smaller - about 3 metres broad and 1.0 - 1.50 metres high. Concave. Revolving occasionally.
- (iii) Similar to (i) and (ii), also on a building. Probably not concave. 5 - 6 metres broad, about 2 metres high.
- (iv) Vehicle-mounted, tentatively identified as CROSSFORK. Standing near some of the AA guns.

(f) Activity

- (i) Between 2000 and 2030 hours [] about 40 - 45 prime movers, tentatively identified as Ya - 14/AT-L's, left the site and went in the direction of NEUBUKOW. Each was towing a gun similar in appearance to a 100 mm. AA gun, but covered with tarpaulin. Some of the prime-movers were partly loaded with green ammunition cases, the size of which is not known. On two or three of the guns, a soldier was sitting strapped on to the seat and holding red and yellow signalling-flags. At about 2100 hours, a column of trucks filled with soldiers left the site and drove in the same direction. 50X1-HUM
- (ii) [] at 0850 hours, 15 x trucks and 2 x Signals vehicles left the site and drove eastwards. Some 12 of the trucks were towing guns covered with tarpaulins, and 2 were towing field kitchens. Four or five of the trucks had in them 15 - 20 soldiers each, others were partly loaded with green ammunition cases. [] 50X1-HUM
- [] At 1445 hours, 7 x trucks with 15 - 20 men in each left the site and drove eastwards. 50X1-HUM
- (iii) [] at 2300 hours, the sound of gunfire came from the site. 12 - 15 detonations were heard following quickly on one another, then there was a 5-minute pause. The shooting continued in this pattern for about half an hour. 50X1-HUM
- (iv) [] at 1820 hours, the sound of both heavy and light gunfire came from the site. Firing was at windstockings being towed by two aircraft. The firing lasted for about 5 minutes. During this time the heavy gunfire came in bursts of $\frac{1}{2}$ - 1 second, while lighter automatic firing was almost continuous. Some of the lighter firing was with tracer. The general 50X1-HUM

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1. (f) (iv) standard of marksmanship, judged by the position of the bursts and the tracer, was good. At 1830 hours, the firing recommenced and continued in bursts of about two minutes with pauses between of anything up to 45 minutes until 2315 hours.

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2. EGA Site at MR PE 714994

At MR PE 714994 is a small, one-storied building with a wireless mast on top of it. The mast is about 6 metres high, and has a cross-piece near the top of it. The site is not heavily guarded or fenced. [redacted] at least two E.G.A. soldiers were on the site.

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3. EGA Area at MR PF 725006

- (a) [redacted] on area round MR PF 725006 was being used by the EGA. The area was enclosed only by a simple rope fence and was a tented camp, the only permanent feature of which was one one-storied building. No estimate of the number of personnel in the area is possible, but 30 - 40 men were occupied cleaning vehicles and kicking a football around. Otherwise there was no activity.

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- (b) 80 - 90 x trucks were parked on a vehicle parking area within the site. 7 x AFVs were parked in the area. These AFVs had 4 x driving wheels and had twin guns of an unspecified, but not very large calibre.

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4. EGA Area at MR PF 732017

- (a) [] an area round MR PF 732017 was being used by the EGA. This area also was only marked off with a rope fence and was a tented camp without permanent features. No estimate of the number of personnel in the area is possible. There was no activity other than vehicle-cleaning.
- (b) 6 x AA guns in appearance like those in the Soviet site on the WUSTROW peninsular (see para 1(d)) were drawn up in two rows facing the sea. The rows were staggered. On a vehicle parking area were 10 - 12 x Trucks, one tracked prime-mover (type unspecified) and one signals vehicle with a tentatively identified CROSSFORK on it.

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5. EGA Area at MR PF 738024

- (a) [] an area round MR PF 738024 was being used by the EGA. There was no fence round the area, but access was barred by wooden barriers on tracks. A tented camp, without any permanent features was in the area.
- (b) 2 x unidentified guns, completely covered with tarpaulins stood in the area. 12 x Trucks were parked in the area. 1 x unidentified electronic apparatus on a two-axled trailer was also in the area (see description and sketch at para 8).

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6. EGA Radar Site at MR PF 744016

[] on a small hill at MR PF 744016 there were 2 x Signals vehicles equipped with tentatively identified CROSSFORKS, covered with camouflage nets. Nearby there was one small personnel tent and a small open bunker of unknown shape or purpose. There were a few EGA soldiers on hand, but no particular activity was taking place.

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7. EGA Area at MR PE 724993

- (a) [] an area centred on MR PE 724993 was under EGA occupation. The exact measurements and positions of its boundaries are not known, but it had a long axis of about 700 - 800 metres running approx. east-north-east/west-south-west, and a short axis of about 250 - 300 metres running approx. north-north-west/south-south-west. There was no more than a rope fence round the area, but occasionally round the boundary there were weapon-slits with barbed-wire in front of them. These slits were occasionally occupied by sentries. There were two entrances to the area, one from the north and one from the west. At each entrance was a small guard-tent, with a sentry with a machine-gun (type unspecified). No estimate of the number of personnel in the area is possible.

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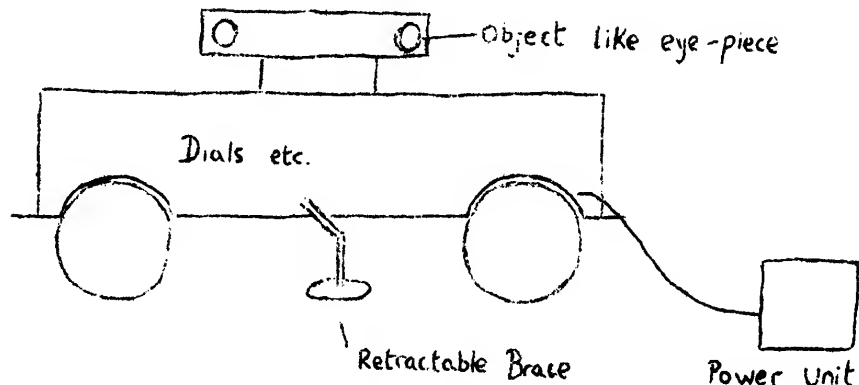
The camp in the area was tented, but it is not known whether or not there were any permanent buildings.

- (b) 50 - 60 x Trucks were parked in the area. About 6 x Browsers and about 30 - 40 x fuel drums (Benzinfässer) of roughly 200 litres capacity were also in the area. There was also a stack of ammunition chests under tarpulins, of unknown dimensions.

8. The Machine and Tractor Station at RERIK

In the Machine and Tractor station at RERIK [] were two of the apparatuses mentioned above in para 5(b). Some kind of testing of these apparatuses was going on, and they were attached by a cable to a form of small power plant. A very rough sketch is as follows:

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No dimensions are available. The trailer was two-wheeled, and had one retractable brace in the centre of each side. The working part of the apparatus occupied almost the whole trailer, and consisted of a number of dials and plates which had instructions on them in Russian. There was also a round window in which, when the apparatus was turned on, a red zig-zag line began appearing. It is not certain whether this line was appearing on paper or on some kind of electronic tube. The T-structure on top had on it two objects similar to the eye-pieces of a range-finder.

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